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2. The information disclosure statement filed ^{3/6/05}~~2/22/05~~ fails to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP § 609 because the references listed on the IDS were known to the individuals designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the statement. Thus, the statement filed under 37 CFR 1.97(e) is ineffective. Note that the references listed on the IDS filed 2/22/05 were listed on IDS's filed by individuals designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) in copending application SN 10/443,375, the IDS's in the copending application being filed on 5/22/03 and 11/3/03. Note that citations DA, DD, DE and DI have not been previously been filed in an IDS and thus are considered to be properly filed. These four references have been considered. The IDS has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein (with the exception of the four references listed above) has not been considered as to the merits. Applicant is advised that the date of any re-submission of any item of information contained in this information disclosure statement or the submission of any missing element(s) will be the date of submission for purposes of determining compliance with the requirements based on the time of filing the statement, including all certification requirements for statements under 37 CFR 1.97(e). See MPEP § 609.05(a).

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